

5G-DiGITS celebrates its 3rd Consortium Meeting in Malta and concludes an inspiring week at the Malta Startup Festival



The Erasmus+ project, with a budget of €1.7 million and 12 partners from 7 countries, connects innovation, education, and 5G to boost Europe's digital skills and green transition.

Valletta (Malta), 24 October 2025. The consortium of the European project **5G-DiGITS**, funded by the **Erasmus+** programme, gathered in Malta from **21 to 23 October 2025** for its **3rd Consortium Meeting**, combining technical sessions, institutional visits, and networking activities with Malta's innovation ecosystem.

The week began with a **visit to the Melita Data Center**, organised by project partner **A8** and hosted by **Mr. Matthew Farrugia**, where partners gained first-hand insights into Malta's digital infrastructure and advanced 5G connectivity. The delegation then visited the **University of Malta – Faculty of ICT**, where they were warmly welcomed by **Prof. Carl Debono (Dean)**, **Prof. Saviour Zammit (Head of the Department of Communications)** and **Mr. Antoine Sciberras** from the *Malta Communications Authority*. Discussions focused on strengthening collaboration between academia and industry to accelerate Europe's digital and green transformation.

The **second day** featured the **main consortium meeting** held at the **Valletta Design Cluster**, where partners reviewed project progress, coordinated next steps across work

packages, and reinforced collaboration to ensure lasting impact. The day concluded with a guided walking tour through **Valletta's historic city centre**, offering participants a glimpse into Malta's rich heritage and an opportunity to strengthen cross-cultural cooperation.

On **Thursday, 23 October**, partners took part in the **Malta Startup Festival**, organised by **Malta Enterprise**, a flagship event that brought together startups, entrepreneurs, investors, and public authorities — including the Honourable **Silvio Schembri, Minister for the Economy, Enterprise & Strategic Projects of Malta**. Thanks to the coordination of **Gonca Kara, Head of Projects & Ecosystems at A8**, and the support of **EIT**, the consortium presented the project to Malta's innovation community and explored new opportunities for collaboration in digital education and 5G technology.

“The Malta Startup Festival was a key opportunity to raise awareness about the project and engage with Malta's innovation ecosystem. Events like this show how European cooperation can turn education into a driver for technological transformation,” said **Massimiliano Dragonni, Vice President of Finnova in Italy**.

Gonca Kara, Head of Projects & Ecosystems at A8, added:

“We are proud to have facilitated the participation of the 5G-DiGITS consortium in this festival organised by Malta Enterprise. Malta is becoming a vibrant hub for technology and entrepreneurship, and this experience has allowed us to connect the project with local innovators and strengthen its European impact.”

Finally, **Eirini Kordali, Project Manager at Envolve Entrepreneurship** and project coordinator, highlighted:

“Our Malta meeting was a milestone for consolidating the project's progress and deepening collaboration among partners. The combination of work sessions, cultural exchange, and innovation networking perfectly reflects the mission of 5G-DiGITS — to connect education, technology, and industry for a more digital and competitive Europe.”

About 5G-DiGITS

Funded by the **Erasmus+** programme, **5G-DiGITS** has a total budget of **€1.7 million** and brings together **12 partners from 7 European countries**. The project aims to develop **Problem-Based Learning (PBL)** methodologies and **real 5G case studies** to be integrated into Vocational Education (VET) and Higher Education (HEI) programmes, equipping teachers and students with the skills needed for Europe's **digital and green transitions**.

Consortium**partners:**

Envolve Entrepreneurship (Greece – coordinator); Universitat Politècnica de València (Spain); National & Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece); INFOLYSiS (Greece); Karlstads universitet (Sweden); Inercia Digital (Spain); CNC Solutions Co – Greece (Greece); Finnova Foundation (Belgium/Spain); A8 (Malta); Technische Universität Chemnitz (Germany); F6S (Ireland); TECHIN (Lithuania).